

WOLVERTON HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Commissioned by Wolverton Parish Council in partnership with Warwickshire Rural Community Council

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1. Summary of Results.

Approximately 100 Housing Needs Survey forms were distributed and 48 forms were returned. This equates to a response rate of 48%, which is considered to be excellent for a Survey of this type.

One respondent expressed a need for alternative housing.

The specific housing need is for;

Local Market Ownership

1 x 2 or 3 bedroom house

2. Introduction.

Wolverton Parish Council commissioned a local Housing Needs Survey in January and February 2014.

The aim of the Survey was to collect accurate housing needs information for Wolverton Parish. This information can be used in a number of ways, but perhaps the most important is to help justify a small scheme of new homes, especially affordable homes, for people with a local connection. This type of scheme is referred to as a 'Rural Exception' scheme, because the development of new homes in rural areas is an exception to normal planning policy.

The Survey forms were essentially standard documents used in Parishes across Warwickshire. There were different forms to cover affordable housing and local market housing. Copies of the Survey forms were delivered to every home in the Parish. Additional copies of the forms were available for people not currently living in Wolverton Parish. Copies of the forms can be seen as Appendices A1 and A2 to this Report.

All households were requested to fill out Part 1 of the Survey form. The first segment in Part 1 was designed to collect information on household composition and property tenure, type and size. The second segment was an opportunity for residents to comment on specific issues in order to build up a profile of positive and negative aspects to life in the Parish. The final segment asked whether any member of the household had left the Parish to find affordable or suitable accommodation and whether or not they would be in favour of a small scheme of new homes to meet locally identified housing needs.

Only households with or containing a specific housing need were asked to complete Part 2 of the Survey form. This asked for respondents' names and addresses and other sensitive information, eg financial details. Respondents were assured that any information they disclosed would be treated in the strictest confidence.

Completed Survey forms were posted via a 'Freepost' envelope to the Rural Housing Enabler. Analysis of all the information provided took place in March and April 2014.

3. Planning Context.

Planning policy at all levels (national, regional and local) imposes considerable restraint on new housing development in rural areas. There is, however, capacity for this restraint to be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, but only where new homes are intended to meet locally identified needs.

Policy CTY.5 of the Stratford-on-Avon District Local Plan 1996-2011 provides the local planning policy mechanism for 'Rural Exception' schemes. The policy states:

"The development, in exceptional circumstances, of affordable dwellings to meet local housing need in perpetuity may be permitted in settlements where residential development is normally resisted.

Such schemes will be supported within or adjacent to existing settlements provided that;

- It has been demonstrated that there is a local and long-term need for affordable housing
- The content of the scheme reflects and can reasonably be expected to meet identified local need
- The scheme has been initiated from within the local community and has the support of the relevant Parish Council, or is identified in an adopted Parish Plan (or equivalent)
- Satisfactory prior arrangements for the management and occupation of the properties have been made to ensure that the homes to be provided will meet identified local housing needs, both initially and in perpetuity, and
- The need to ensure that other relevant policies of the Plan are not undermined in the location and design of the scheme"

Stratford on Avon District Council's Intended Proposed Submission Core Strategy of July 2013 effectively extends Policy COM.1 currently in the Local Plan 1996-2011 to those areas covered by Policy CTY.5.

Housing schemes brought forward under Policy COM.1, referred to as 'Local Choice' schemes, can include both affordable housing and local market housing.

It is intended that similar housing schemes brought forward under the Intended Proposed Submission Core Strategy, referred to as 'Local Needs' schemes, can also include both affordable housing and local market housing.

'Local need' refers to need originating or relating to a particular village. For Parishes that contain more than one village, the housing needs of each village must be considered separately.

A household is considered to have a local connection if it meets one or more of the following 'Local connection criteria';

- An individual who was born in the Parish
- An individual who currently lives in the Parish and has done so for at least 12 months
- An individual who was resident in the Parish for at least 3 continuous years but has left in order to find suitable accommodation
- An individual who works full time in the Parish and has done so for at least 12 months
- An individual with a close family member, ie mother, father, brother or sister, son or daughter resident in the Parish for at least 3 continuous years

'Affordable housing' is defined as homes available to rent through a Housing Association at a low (subsidised) rent or homes available on a shared ownership basis. Shared ownership (sometimes known as 'Homebuy') is a middle ground between renting a property and full ownership. A 'shared owner' buys a share of the property, typically 50% initially, and pays rent to a housing provider, usually a Housing Association, on the remaining share. A 'shared owner' can usually increase their share of the property up to a certain limit, but they are not able to buy the property outright (under current legislation).

'Local market housing' or 'Owner-occupier housing' is defined as homes available to buy outright.

All new homes provided as part of a 'Rural Exception' or 'Local Choice' scheme would be subject to a planning obligation, referred to as a **'Section 106 Agreement'**. This limits occupation of the homes, including any local market homes, to people with a local connection in the first instance and ensures that the affordable homes remain 'affordable' in perpetuity.

4. Results - Contextual Information.

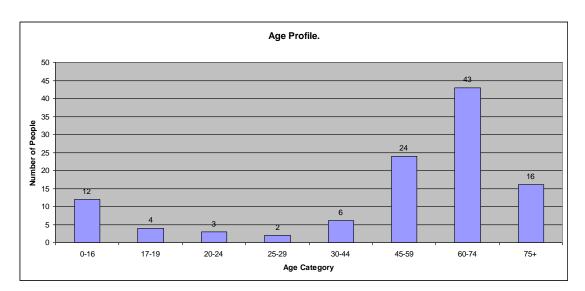
A total of 48 Survey forms were returned equating to a response rate of 48%.

This level of response is considered to be an excellent achievement for a Survey of this type because people generally respond for one of three reasons;

- 1. To express a housing need.
- 2. To offer support in principle to the idea of a small housing scheme to meet local needs.
- 3. To state opposition to the idea of a housing scheme.

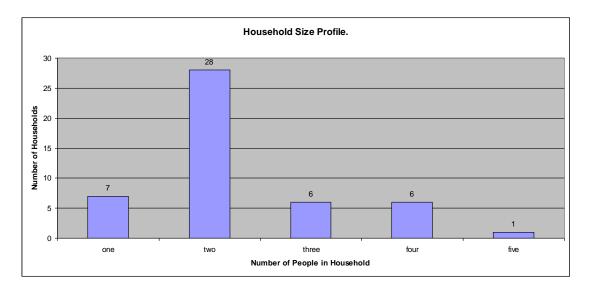
i) Age Profile (48 responses, 110 people).

The following chart shows the age profile captured by the Survey returns. The chart shows an ageing population, with 83 out of the 110 people aged 45 and above.



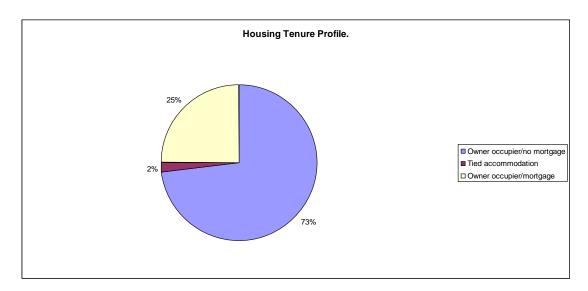
ii) Household Size Profile (48 responses).

The information collected from the age profile can also be used to create a profile of household size, as shown in the following chart. The chart shows a dominance of 2 person households as indeed do the majority of Parish Housing Needs Surveys. The mean average household size is 2.29 people, slightly higher than the 2011 Census figure of 2.26 people (212 usual residents in households divided by 94 dwellings).



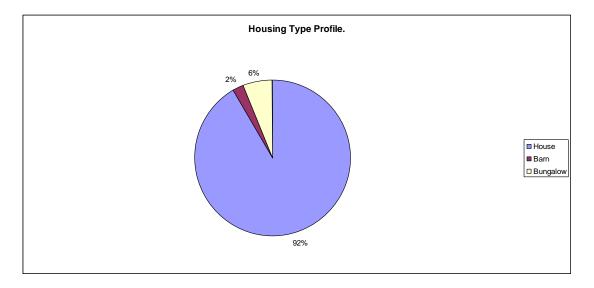
iii) Housing Tenure Profile (48 responses).

The following chart shows the housing tenure profile for the Survey respondents. In a pattern typical for villages in south Warwickshire, owner-occupiers represent 98% of the total. Tenures traditionally considered within the 'social sector' are not represented in the total.



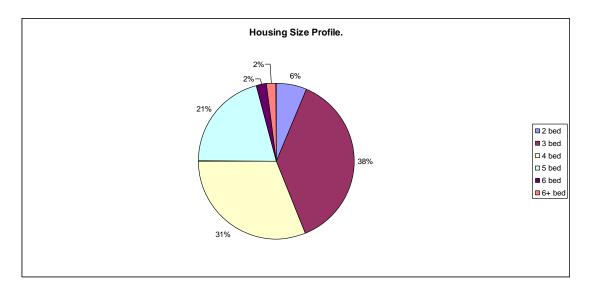
iv) Housing Type Profile (48 responses).

The chart below shows the types of homes that the Survey respondents live in. Perhaps unsurprisingly, houses represent the largest factor.



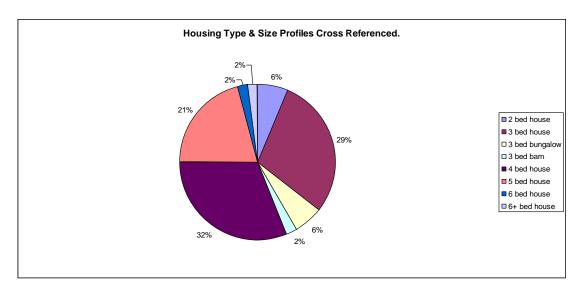
v) Housing Size Profile (48 responses).

The following chart shows the sizes of homes that the Survey respondents live in.



vi) Housing Type and Size Profiles Cross Referenced (48 responses).

Cross-referencing the data from 4.iv and 4.v provides a combined profile of type and size. 4 bedroom houses emerge as the largest single factor, closely followed by 3 bedroom houses. When compared to 4.ii above, ie a dominance of 2 person households, these results may suggest an issue of dwelling under-occupation in the Parish.

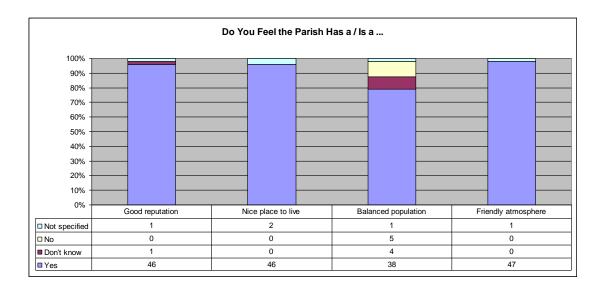


vii) Life in the Parish : Positive and Negative Aspects (48 responses).

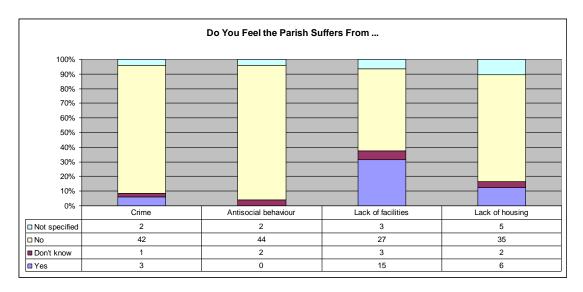
The Survey respondents were asked a series of questions in respect of the perceived positive and negative aspects to life in Wolverton Parish.

Information relating to the sustainability of a Parish is important to assess whether any homes that are subsequently provided will be 'sustainable'. Ensuring that people will occupy them is a crucial consideration when proposing new homes for local people.

The first chart shows respondents' views on the benefits to living in Wolverton Parish. The majority of respondents thought the Parish had a good reputation, was a nice place to live, had a balanced and varied population, and had a friendly spirit.



The second chart shows respondents' views on negative issues that exist in the Parish. The majority of respondents thought there was not an issue with crime or anti-social behaviour. The majority of respondents thought there was not a lack of facilities or housing.



The Survey respondents were asked to elaborate on their views regarding a lack of facilities and a lack of housing. Certain key issues emerged, as described in the following tables;

Lack of Facilities Comments:

Key issue	Number of comments
Shop	11
Improved Public Transport	6
Post Office	2

Lack of Housing Comments:

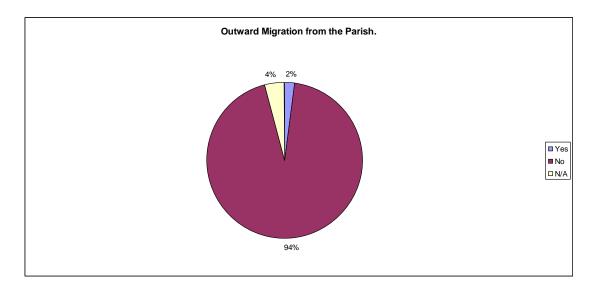
The comments received are reproduced below, whole and verbatim.

Comments

- Affordable housing.
- Low cost 'starter' for local younger people.
- 3 / 4 bedroom modern housing.
- Low cost, affordable freehold housing.
- For those wishing to downsize bungalows, smaller gardens, sensible sized rooms.
- Small / medium size bungalows for elderly to downsize when necessary!

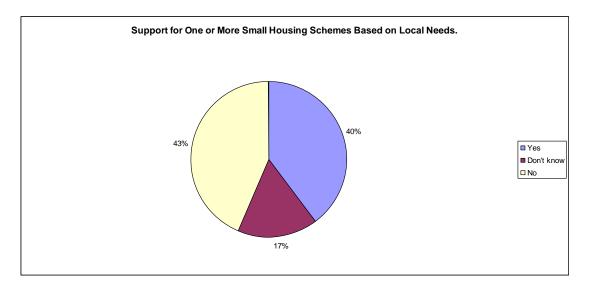
viii) Outward Migration from the Parish (48 responses).

The Survey respondents were asked whether anyone in their household had had to leave the Parish in the last 5 years because no affordable / suitable housing was available. 1 of the respondents stated this had happened in their household.



ix) Support for One or More Small Housing Schemes Based on Local Needs (48 responses).

The chart below shows the level of support amongst Survey respondents for a small housing scheme to meet the needs of local people being built in the Parish. The chart shows there is a level of opposition, 43%, amongst the Survey respondents who were against a small housing scheme. 40% of respondents supported such a scheme. Comments received from respondents in respect of this matter are reproduced as Appendix B to this Report.



5. Results – Housing Needs Information.

Out of the 48 responses to the Survey, 1 individual or household expressed a need for alternative housing.

Section 5 provides a detailed breakdown of information relating to the respondent.

i) Reason(s) for Housing Needs – Breakdown (1 response).

The respondent's housing need is to be closer to relatives.

ii) Local Connection – Breakdown (1 response).

The respondent currently lives in the Parish and has close relatives in the Parish.

iii) Housing Register / Waiting List - Breakdown (1 response).

It was not necessary to ask respondents requiring local market homes this question.

iv) Preferred Tenure – Breakdown (1 response).

The respondent requires local market ownership.

v) Preferred Size and Type – Breakdown (1 response).

The respondent requires a 2 or 3 bedroom house.

6. Conclusions.

There is a need for 1 new home in Wolverton Parish for people with a local connection. The specific need is for ;

Local Market Ownership

1 x 2 or 3 bedroom house

7. Recommendations.

Regrettably, a scheme to develop just a single property would not be financially viable.

However, in order to ensure that Housing Needs Surveys remain up to date and changes in local housing needs are identified, Stratford-on-Avon District Council recommends that they are reviewed every 3 to 5 years.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Parish Council undertakes another Housing Needs Survey in conjunction with Warwickshire Rural Community Council in 3 to 5 years time.

8. Acknowledgements.

Gratitude is expressed to Councillor David Stone, Chairman of Wolverton Parish Council and all those who helped to deliver the Survey forms.

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APPENDIX A1 WOLVERTON PARISH AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD

Q1 YOUR HO	JSEHO	LD				
Number of people in your 0-16 years 30-				30-44 years		
household that fall into each age category (Please specify the			17-19 years		45-59 years	
			20-24 years		60-74 years	
number for ea	ich cate	egory)	•			
			25-29 years		75 + years	
Q2 YOUR HO						
Housing tenu	re	Tied accomr		-	ier/ no mortgage	
(Please tick)		Private renti	•		ier/mortgage	un arabin 🗆
		Living with p Living with fi		•	ciation shared ow ciation renting	
		Other		ousing asso	Clation renting	_
		(please spec	cifv):			
Housing type		House □	Bungalow 🗖	Flat/apartr	ment Mobil	e home 🖵
(Please tick)		Other 🗆	· ·	•		
		(please spec				
No. of bedroo	ms	1 Bed □ 2 F	Bed □ 3 Bed □	4 Bed □ 5	bed ☐ 6 Bed ☐	6+ bed □
(Please tick)						
Q3 LIFE IN TH	IE DADI	eп				
Do you feel		good reputation	n?		es Don't know	√ □ No □
the Parish		e place to live			es Don't know	
(Please tick)			varied population		es Don't know	
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Do you feel		from crime?			es 🛘 Don't know	
the Parish			cial behaviour		'es 🔲 Don't knov	
(Please tick)		from a lack o		Υ	'es 🖵 Don't knov	v 🗖 No 🗖
	IT YES	', what facilitie	es?			
	Suffers	from a lack o	of housing?	Y	es 🛘 Don't knov	v 🗆 No 🗆
		', what type o	_			
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in the last 5 years because no affordable / suitable housing was available? (Please tick)						
nousing was	avanabi	o. Wicase t				
Would you be	in favo	our of one or	more SMALL I	nousing	es Don't knov	v 🗆 No 🗖
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built in the Pa	rish? (Please tick)				
ADDITIONAL		TC				
ADDITIONAL C	OWNER	113				

PART 2 - TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF YOU HAVE AN UNMET HOUSING NEED

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE HOUSING NEED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PLEASE CONTACT PHIL WARD, RURAL HOUSING ENABLER (CONTACT DETAILS BACK PAGE) SO THAT EXTRA FORMS CAN BE SENT TO YOU

Q1 YOUR DETAILS

QT TOOK DETAILS	
Name	
Address	
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Telephone no. (Home)	
Telephone no. (Work)	
Date of Birth	Tied accommodation D. Ourney accurricy/se most gage.
Current housing tenure	Tied accommodation ☐ Owner occupier/no mortgage ☐ Private renting ☐ Owner occupier/mortgage ☐
(Please tick)	Private renting
	Living with friends Housing association renting
	Other
	(please specify):
	(ploade speaky).
Current housing type	House □ Bungalow □ Flat/apartment □ Mobile home □
(Please tick)	Other □
,	(please specify):
Current number of	1 Bed □ 2 Bed □ 3 Bed □ 4 Bed □ 5 bed □ 6 Bed □ 6+bed □
bedrooms (Please tick)	
Q2 THE REASON FOR Y	OUR HOUSING NEED
Why do you need	Need larger accommodation
alternative	Need smaller accommodation
accommodation?	Need physically adapted accommodation □
(Please tick)	
	Need less expensive home
	Need to be closer to relatives
	Need to be closer to employment
	Need to be closer to a carer or dependent □
	Need secure accommodation □
	Need supported accommodation
	Need independent accommodation
	Other \Box
	(please specify):
Q3 YOUR LOCAL CONNE	ECTION
Do you / have you /	Currently live in the Parish?
were you (Please tick	Work in the Parish? □
all boxes that apply)	Close relatives in the Parish?
	Born in the Parish?
	Previously lived in the Parish? If so, for how long? years

Q4 HOU	Q4 HOUSING REGISTER					
	Are you on a Housing Register? (Please tick all boxes that apply) Local Authority Housing Register □ Housing Association Register □					
	boxes that apply e recommended	to register with the	Local Authorit	y, if you hav	re not done so	
àlready		J				
Q5 YOL	JR FAMII Y DETA	AII S (IF THEY ARE A	I SO SEEKING	HOUSING	WITH YOU)	
Title	Q5 YOUR FAMILY DETAILS (IF THEY ARE ALSO SEEKING HOUSING WITH YOU) Title Surname First name Relationship to you Date of Birth					
	CIFIC HOUSING	NEEDS				
	specify any housing					
	e.g. disability					
require						
Q7 TYP	E OF HOUSING	NEEDED				
Tenure	of housing		d Ownership* 🗆	1 Rente	d 🗖	
needed		Harras D	D	🗖		
	housing (Please tick)	House □	Bungalo	ow u	Flat 🗖	
No. of b	edrooms	1 Bed ☐ 2 Bed ☐ 3	Bed ☐ 4 Bed ☐	1 5 bed □ 6 E	Bed ☐ 6+bed ☐	
	(Please tick)					
*See ba	ick page for defil	nition of shared own	ersnip			
Q8 FINA	ANCIAL INFORM	ATION				
	nnual income,	Up to £14,999	£15,000-£19	•	0,000-£29,999 □	
applica	come' where	£30,000-£39,999 □ £60,000-£69,999 □	£40,000-£49 £70,000-£79	•	0,000-£59,999 \bullet 0,000-£89,999 \bullet	
(Please		£90,000-£99,999 □	£100,000+	,999 🗖 20	0,000 200,000 🛥	
If you n	eed a shared			,		
	hip or owner- ed home, what	Maximum mortgage	£	(assume	3x joint income) +	
	naximum	Equity in existing ho	me £	+		
	you could					
afford to	o nay for this?	l Savings	£	_		

£

£

Other

Total

Q9 ETHNICITY MONITORING

Please specify the number of people in each group				
White		Asian or Asian British		
British		Indian		
Irish		Pakistani		
Other White background		Bangladeshi		
Mixed		Other Asian background		
White and Black Caribbean		Black or Black British		
White and Black African		Caribbean		
White and Asian		African		
Other Mixed background		Other Black background		
Chinese		Other (please state below)		
Chinese				

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE RETURN IT IN THE FREEPOST ENVELOPE BY 21 FEBRUARY 2014.

If you have any questions regarding this Survey or you require additional Survey Forms, please contact Phil Ward, Rural Housing Enabler for Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROPERTY TYPES

Any small-scale scheme would probably include a mixture of property types and sizes. Some homes might be available for rent, some for shared ownership and some for owner occupation.

Rented properties would be available to people with a strong local connection and at an affordable rent. A housing association would retain ownership of the rented properties and there would be no 'Right To Buy' available to tenants.

Shared ownership is a 'middle ground' between renting a property and full ownership. A 'shared owner' buys a share of the property, typically 50% initially, and pays rent to a housing association on the remaining share. The housing association always retains a share of the property and in this way can uphold any local occupancy restrictions.

A shared owner can usually increase their share of the property up to a certain limit, but they are not able to buy the property outright. If the property is later sold, it is valued and the shared owner receives their share of the sale price, therefore benefiting from any increase in the value, should this occur.

APPENDIX A2 WOLVERTON PARISH LOCAL MARKET HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD

Q1 YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Number of people in your	0-16 years	30-44 years
household that fall into each age category (Please specify the	17-19 years	45-59 years
number for each category)	20-24 years	60-74 years
	25-29 years	75 + years

Q2 YOUR HOUSING CIRCUMSTANCES				
Housing tenure (Please tick)	Tied accommodation Private renting Living with parents Living with friends Other (please specify):			
Housing type (Please tick)	House ☐ Bungalow Other ☐ (please specify):	☐ Flat/apartment ☐ Mobile home ☐		
No. of bedrooms (Please tick)	1 Bed □ 2 Bed □ 3 Be	d □ 4 Bed □ 5 bed □ 6 Bed □ 6+ bed □		
Q3 LIFE IN THE PARI				
Do you feel Has a g	•	Yes □ Don't know □ No □ Yes □ Don't know □ No □		

Q3 LIFE IN TH	IE PARISH	
Do you feel	Has a good reputation?	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No ☐
the Parish	Is a nice place to live?	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No ☐
(Please tick)	Has a balanced and varied population?	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No ☐
	Has a friendly atmosphere/community spirit?	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No ☐
Do you feel	Suffers from crime?	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No ☐
the Parish	Suffers from anti-social behaviour	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No ☐
(Please tick)	Suffers from a lack of facilities? If 'YES', what facilities?	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No ☐
	Suffers from a lack of housing? If 'YES', what type of housing?	Yes □ Don't know □ No □

Has anyone in your household had to leave the Parish in the last 5 years because no affordable / suitable housing was available ? (Please tick)	Yes □ No □	
Would you be in favour of one or more SMALL housing schemes based on the needs of LOCAL people being built in the Parish? (Please tick)	Yes ☐ Don't know ☐ No	□

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PART 2 – TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF YOU HAVE AN UNMET HOUSING NEED

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE HOUSING NEED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PLEASE CONTACT PHIL WARD, RURAL HOUSING ENABLER (CONTACT DETAILS BELOW) SO THAT EXTRA FORMS CAN BE SENT TO YOU

Q1 YOUR DETAILS

Name			
Address			
Telephone no. (Home)			
Telephone no. (Work)			
Date of Birth			
Current housing tenure	Tied accommodation □ Owner occupier/ no mortgage □		
(Please tick)	Private renting		
	Living with parents Housing assoc. shared ownership		
	Living with friends Housing association renting		
	Other		
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Current housing type (Please tick)	House □ Bungalow □ Flat/apartment □ Mobile home □ Other □		
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Current number of	1 Bed 2 Bed 3 Bed 4 Bed 5 bed 6 Bed 6+bed		
bedrooms (Please tick)	T Bed a 2 Bed a 5 Bed a 4 Bed a 5 Bed a 6 Bed a 6 Bed a 6 Bed a		
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Q2 THE REASON FOR Y	OUR HOUSING REQUIREMENTS		
Why do you require	Require larger accommodation		
alternative	Require smaller accommodation		
accommodation?	•		
(Please tick)			
	Require less expensive home		
	Require to be closer to relatives		
	Require to be closer to employment		
	Require to be closer to a carer or dependent		
	Require to be closer to school		
	Require supported accommodation		
	Require independent accommodation		
	Changed family circumstances		
	First time buyer Other		
	(please specify):		
	(please specify).		
Q3 YOUR LOCAL CONNE	ECTION		
Do you / have you /	Currently live in the Parish? If so, for how long? years		
were you (Please tick	Work in the Parish?		
all boxes that apply)	Close relatives in the Parish? □		
,	Born in the Parish?		
	Previously lived in the Parish? If so, for how long? years		

Q4 SPECIFIC HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Please specify any specific housing requirements (e.g. disability requirements)			
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Q5 TYPE OF LOCAL MARKET HOUSING REQUIRED

Type of housing required (Please tick)	House □	Bungalow 🛘	Flat □
No. of bedrooms required (Please tick)	1 Bed □ 2 Bed □ 3 E	Bed ☐ 4 Bed ☐ 5 bed ☐ 6	Bed ☐ 6+bed ☐

Q6 PURCHASE PRICE INFORMATION

At what price range	Up to £199,999	
are you looking to	£200,000-£249,999	
purchase a home ?	£250,000-£299,999	
(Please tick as many	£300,000-£349,999	
boxes as appropriate)	£350,000-£399,999	
, ,	£450,000 +	

Q7 ETHNICITY MONITORING

Please specify the number of people in each group				
White		Asian or Asian British		
British		Indian		
Irish		Pakistani		
Other White background		Bangladeshi		
Mixed		Other Asian background		
White and Black Caribbean		Black or Black British		
White and Black African		Caribbean		
White and Asian		African		
Other Mixed background		Other Black background		
Chinese		Other (please state below)		
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Appendix B.

Respondents were invited to provide any additional comments. Although intended to focus on housing issues, the comments relate to a range of subjects. The comments are reproduced below, whole and verbatim, except where a reference was made that could identify the individual concerned or in the case of defamatory remarks.

- Operative word is small. Brick Kiln Close seems to have been very successful in integrating residents into area.
- Small housing scheme must be on the right site and not impact on existing properties and spoil the green area in the centre of the village.
- I assume 'local' means people who have grown up and have family in / or are already living in the Parish. If no suitable housing is available in this or a neighbouring Parish, I would not object.
- Wolverton is a lovely village. More than one or two extra houses would spoil it.
- For those wishing to downsize bungalows, smaller gardens, sensible sized rooms.
- Wolverton needs additional "quality" but affordable homes about 20+ new houses in next five years maybe and further ten+ by 2020.
- Dependent on scale and quality of build.
- Wolverton / Norton Lindsey is not the place to build affordable housing due to lack of facilities and transport links. When my children are old enough to move out, I would not expect them / anticipate them living in the Parish. There are more suitable places for younger people.
- Provided that development was sympathetic with the rural nature of the village and met identified need.
- Any building opposite the village council houses would create a tunnel effect and completely spoil the character of a lovely village.
- Affordable housing only if for local people in perpetuity and if an exception site can be identified that does not affect the open character of the village. No market housing which should be sited in more sustainable locations in neighbouring Service Villages.
- Any housing scheme would create more flooding problem to properties at lower end village, including ours.